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North 27th Street Construction Project, West St. Paul Avenue to Highland Blvd.

On Wednesday, August 21, 2013, the City of Milwaukee in conjunction with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation will begin construction on North 27th Street from West St. Paul Avenue to Highland Boulevard. The Department of Public Works (DPW) Support for Business Liaison is a part of the team working on this project. The liaison, Cecilia Gilbert, will meet with businesses, provide construction updates, and advocate on behalf of stakeholders.

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

Q: What is the scope of the work to be done on this project?

A: The project will consist of reconstructing the roadway with new concrete. North 27th Street will be narrowed from 52 feet to 50 feet between St. Paul and Wisconsin Avenues. This will match the existing width of roadway north of Wisconsin Avenue. The new roadway will provide a shared 13-foot parking/bicycle lane and a 12-foot driving lane in each direction. Curb, gutter, driveway approaches and sidewalks will be replaced. New harp lights will replace the current light fixtures, and the existing cobra fixtures will be upgraded to Milwaukee lantern fixtures.

Q: What is the project timeline, and will vehicular traffic still be able to use the street?

A: The construction is set to begin August 21, 2013 and be completed by December 15, 2013. Landscaping will occur in Spring 2014. Work will be done in two stages:

Stage One: From August 21 through approximately mid October, 2013, the east side of the roadway will be closed to traffic. The west side of the roadway will provide one way traffic moving southbound. The detour route for northbound traffic will start at St. Paul Avenue. Traffic will be routed east to 26th Street, then north on 26th Street to Clybourn Street, east on Clybourn to 16th Street, north on 16th Street to Highland Boulevard, and west on Highland Boulevard to 20th Street.





Stage Two: Following the completion of Stage One, which should be approximately mid October, 2013, the newly completed east side of the roadway will be opened to provide two-way traffic. The west side of the roadway will then be closed to traffic. Passengers utilizing Milwaukee County Transit System buses will access the southbound bus at a location at the construction site. After the project is completed, the current parking and corresponding restrictions will be restored.

Similar reconstruction work will occur on West Wisconsin Avenue during the same time period, with new concrete, curb, gutter, sidewalks and decorative crosswalks. On West Wisconsin Avenue during Stage One, one lane of traffic will be open in each direction. For the first weekend of Stage Two, all lanes of traffic will be closed to through traffic on West Wisconsin Avenue, between North 26th and North 28th Streets. Traffic will be re-routed on both ends of the project.

Q: Will parking be available on North 27th Street during construction.

A: No on-street parking will be available on North 27th Street during the construction project. Parking will remain available on side streets.

Q: Will customers and pedestrians still be able to access my business?

A: Every effort will be made by the contractor and DPW staff to maintain access whenever possible.

Q: Will my driveway access be restricted?

A: The City and the contractor will work to minimize the time any driveway access is restricted, and will notify the owner **48 hours** in advance of scheduled work.

Q: What about bus routes?

A: The Milwaukee County Transit System (MTCS) will maintain current service. During Stage One bus stops will be moved to 26th Street. Approximately 80 feet of parking will be removed on each block where the bus stops will be re-located. Passengers utilizing MCTS will access the southbound bus during Stage Two at a location at the construction site.



Q: What else will be done as part of the construction?

A: No other major construction work is planned as part of this project. Utilities such as WE Energies and AT&T will be on site during construction to coordinate any utility work with the road construction project. City of Milwaukee street lighting staff will install any temporary overhead facilities and re-locate permanent facilities as needed during construction. Trees will be removed to accommodate sidewalk work but will be replaced.

Q: How can I keep informed about the progress of the project?

A: There are a variety of methods to keep informed about construction as it proceeds:

- Monthly construction updates will be mailed to businesses
- News updates will be posted on the website at www.Milwaukee.gov/SupportforBusiness
- News updates can be sent directly to you via email – send an email address to Cecilia.Gilbert@Milwaukee.gov
- Bi-weekly construction meetings will be held in the area with representatives from DPW and the contractor. They are available to answer stakeholder questions.

Q: Who are the people that will be working on this project?

A: A City of Milwaukee DPW engineer will be the construction supervisor and will visit the project at least once a day to address contractor concerns, monitor changes in conditions, and provide answers and solutions. DPW project inspectors oversee the contractor's work and ensure that the concerns of the public and businesses are being addressed. The Support for Business Liaison is a part of the DPW team, and works closely with the community to explain the project and articulate neighborhood concerns to the Department of Public Works. The general contractor for the project is LaLonde Contractors, Inc.

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